

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 - 12 (Cancelled).

13 – 26 (Cancelled).

27 – 35 (Cancelled).

36 - 44 (Cancelled).

45 – 50 (Cancelled).

51 (Currently Amended). A hand portable air compressor assembly, comprising:

an air tank for containing air at an elevated pressure;

an air compressor for supplying air for storage in the air tank;

a motor for driving the air compressor;

a shroud substantially enclosing the air tank, the air compressor, and

the motor, and the air compressor and motor are arranged along a

first vertical axis within the shroud and the air tank is located

alongside the air compressor and motor along a second vertical

axis substantially parallel to the first axis, and the air tank and air

compressor are supported by the shroud; and

a lifting handle formed by a portion of the shroud and whereby the

hand portable air compressor assembly may be hand carried by a user.

52 (Previously Presented). The hand portable air compressor assembly of claim 51, and further comprising a pressure regulator substantially enclosed by the shroud.

53 (Cancelled).

54 (Cancelled).

55 (Cancelled).

56 (Previously Presented). The hand portable air compressor assembly of claim 51, and further comprising a tubing connected between the air compressor and the air tank, the tubing enclosed within the shroud.

57 (Previously Presented). The hand portable air compressor assembly of claim 51, wherein the shroud is a clamshell type shroud.

58 (Previously Presented). The hand portable air compressor assembly of claim 57, wherein the shroud includes a first shell portion and a second shell portion.

59 (Previously Presented). The hand portable air compressor assembly of claim 58, wherein the first shell portion includes an interior surface and the interior surface includes an arrangement of internal support members.

60 (Previously Presented). The hand portable air compressor assembly of claim 59, wherein the air tank is substantially supported on the interior surface of the first shell portion by the arrangement of internal support members.

61 (Previously Presented). The hand portable air compressor assembly of claim 59,

wherein the air compressor is substantially supported on the interior surface of the first shell portion by the arrangement of internal support members.

62 (Currently Amended). The hand portable air compressor assembly of claim 59, wherein the ~~electric~~ motor is substantially supported on the interior surface of the first shell portion by the arrangement of internal support members.

63 (Previously Presented). The hand portable air compressor of claim 57 wherein the shroud includes a base portion and lifting handle is above the base portion, and the first shell portion and the second shell portion are joined along a substantially vertical plane.

64 (Previously Presented). The hand portable air compressor of claim 51 and further comprising a base.

65 (Previously Presented). The hand portable air compressor of claim 64 wherein the base is formed by a portion of the shroud.

66 (Previously Presented). The hand portable air compressor of claim 53 wherein the shroud includes a first ventilation opening, located proximate to the base portion, and a second ventilation opening, located above the first ventilation opening and proximate to the lifting handle.

67 (Cancelled). .

68(New). A hand portable air compressor assembly, comprising:

an air tank for containing air at an elevated pressure;

an air compressor for supplying air for storage in the air tank;

a motor for driving the air compressor; and

a plastic shroud substantially enclosing the air tank, the air compressor, and the motor including, and

wherein the shroud includes an interior surface, and an arrangement of integral internal support members projecting from the interior surface, and the motor, air tank and air compressor are supported within the shroud on the internal support members.

69 (New). The hand portable air compressor assembly of claim 68 wherein the plastic shroud includes a base portion.

70 (New). The hand portable air compressor assembly of Claim 69 wherein the plastic shroud includes and a handle portion above the base portion.

71 (New). The hand portable air compressor assembly of claim 68, wherein the shroud is divided into a front portion and rear portion along a substantially vertical plane.

72 (New). The hand portable air compressor assembly of claim 68, and further comprising a pressure regulator substantially enclosed by the shroud.

73 (New). The hand portable air compressor of claim 70 wherein the shroud includes a first ventilation opening, located proximate to the base portion, and

a second ventilation opening, located above the first ventilation opening and proximate to the lifting handle.

74 (New). The hand portable air compressor assembly of claim 54, wherein the air compressor and motor are arranged along a first vertical axis within the shroud and the air tank is located alongside the air compressor and motor along a substantially parallel second axis.

75 (New). A hand portable air compressor assembly, comprising:

- an air tank for containing air at an elevated pressure;

- an air compressor for supplying air for storage in the air tank;

- a motor for driving the air compressor; and

- a plastic shroud divided along a vertical plane into a front shell portion and rear shell portion, the shroud including:

 - a base portion;

 - a handle portion located above the base portion;

 - a control panel portion located proximate to the handle portion;

 - a first ventilation opening, located proximate to the base portion, and a second ventilation opening, located above the first ventilation opening and proximate to the handle portion;

 - an interior surface, and

 - an arrangement of integral internal support members projecting from the interior surface; and

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wherein the motor, air tank and air compressor are supported within the shroud on the internal support members, with the air compressor and motor arranged along a first vertical axis and the air tank is located alongside the air compressor and motor along a substantially parallel second axis.